

Council Highlights



Regular Council Meeting of November 22, 2023

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by Council. Council encourages its residents, businesses and stakeholders to keep in touch with Council news.

Bylaw 08-23 Area Structure Plan for Industrial Subdivision

Following a public hearing, Council approved Bylaw 08-23, for the Forestburg/Flagstaff Industrial Subdivision Area Structure Plan (ASP), as amended. The ASP provides a framework for subsequent subdivision and development of the north half of NW and NE ¼ Section 35 Township 41 Range 15 West 4th Meridian within the Village of Forestburg and Flagstaff County.

Municipal Services

Council approved the following policies as presented:

- PW 007 Weight Restrictions on Roads – as revised;
- PW 012 Private Laneway Maintenance – as revised.

Flagstaff County policies are reviewed every three years, or sooner if they require revisions due to changes in programming or legislation.

Foreign Direct Investment Strategy

Council accepted the Foreign Direct Investment Strategy for Flagstaff County as information. The principles outlined in this Foreign Investment Strategy extend beyond the realm of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). They form a robust framework applicable to general investment while fostering a resilient and attractive environment for various investment types. By implementing these strategies, Flagstaff County aims not only to optimize FDI opportunities but also to enhance its overall investment landscape ensuring sustainable economic growth and prosperity.

Flagstaff Regional Solid Waste Management Association — 2024 Budget

Council approved the proposed 2024 Flagstaff Regional Solid Waste Management budget with a total municipal requisition of \$1,340,000 (increase of 0%) distributed on a per capita basis to each member, and with Flagstaff County's total requisition being \$513,982.53.

Galahad Ag Society Grant Application — Request for Letter of Support

Council approved to provide a letter of support to the Galahad and District Agricultural Society for their grant application to Alberta Agriculture, Agriculture Societies Division for upgrades to the building complex.

FIRST — 26th Annual Community Fundraiser

Council approved to provide a donation of \$1,500 and a gift basket to Flagstaff's Informed Response Sharing Team (FIRST) for the 26th Annual Dinner and Auction Community Fundraiser.

Parkland Regional Library — 2024 Budget

Council approved the proposed 2024 Parkland Regional Library budget of \$3,828,179 as presented, with a requisition of \$9.18 per capita.

Agricultural Service Board — New Member-At-Large

Council appointed Brenda Martin as a member-at-large to the Agricultural Service Board for a three-year term.

Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services Society (FRESS) — Operating and Capital Budgets

Council approved the Flagstaff Regional Emergency Services Society (FRESS) 2024-2026 Operating Budget and the 2024-2028 Capital Budget, with Flagstaff County's 2024 requisition being \$693,205.93.

2023 Cancellation of Taxes

Council approved to cancel taxes and penalties in the amount of \$11,756.81 for the following companies and roll numbers:

- Sedna Oil and Gas Roll 805720 – \$2,474.00
- Ohana Resources Inc. Roll 733160 – \$654.98
- Incipient Explorations Ltd. Roll 809160 – \$106.69
- Dreadnought Energy Inc. – \$485.61
 - ◊ Roll 805950 – \$198.31
 - ◊ Roll 805970 – \$201.17
 - ◊ Roll 805990 – \$86.13
- Canadian Coyote Energy Ltd. – \$4,232.94
 - ◊ Roll 803990 – \$2,664.88
 - ◊ Roll 804130 – \$1,208.05
 - ◊ Roll 808010 – \$97.84
 - ◊ Roll 808020 – \$73.44
 - ◊ Roll 810570 – \$105.01
 - ◊ Roll 811630 – \$83.72
- Elmdale Resources Roll 730910 – \$2,956.61
- Bow River Energy Ltd. – \$845.98
 - ◊ Roll 805100 – \$455.87
 - ◊ Roll 805110 – \$390.11.

All of the above oil and gas companies are bankrupt or in receivership. They have tax levy and penalties deemed to be uncollectable. We will be applying through a PERC grant (Provincial Education Requisition Credit) for the uncollectable education portion of the tax levy.

Battle River Economic Opportunities Committee (BREOC) — Formal Agreement

Council approved to request that Reeve Kroetch attend the November 29th, 2023 Battle River Economic Opportunities Committee (BREOC) meeting to provide clarification on Flagstaff County's request for a formal agreement to facilitate the continued success of BREOC.

Once approved, the full Council Meeting minutes can be found at www.flagstaff.ab.ca under the "Council" tab and in the "Meetings and Minutes" section.